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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a **Regional** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information.

To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.



Today

- **Additional snow expected today over N & W NM mountains; possible travel impacts.**
- **Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over SW NM.**

Monday - Thursday

- **No significant weather expected.**

River Flooding

- **Minor to Moderate river flooding with isolated major river flooding is occurring or forecast across E/SE TX into LA. This water will take a while to drain, but little/no rainfall in the next 5 days will help begin the process.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 6, 2019 – Jan 10, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SW NM				
Winter Weather	N & W mountains of NM				
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	E/SE TX, LA	E/SE TX, LA	E/SE TX, LA	E/SE TX, LA	E/SE TX, LA
	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

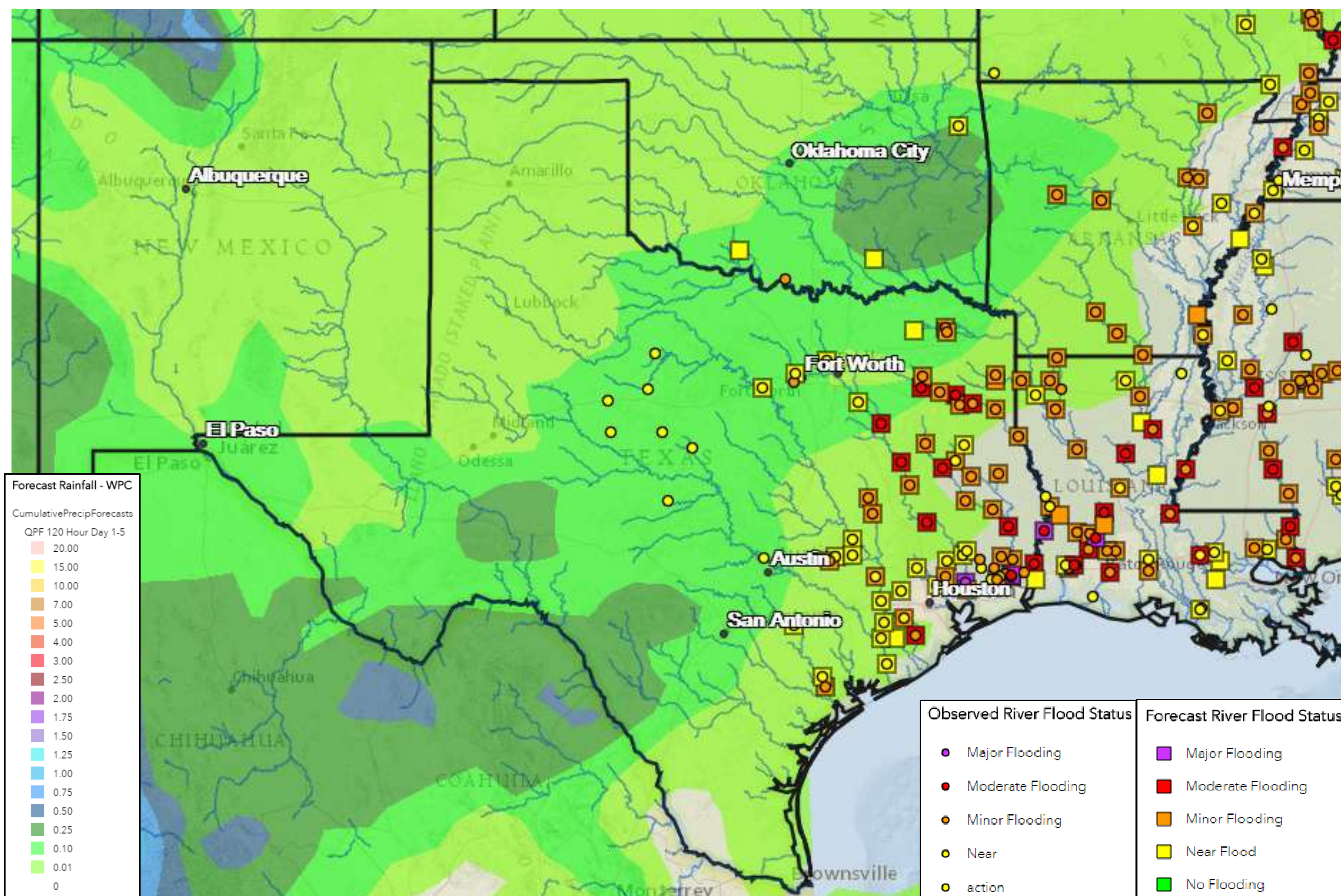
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



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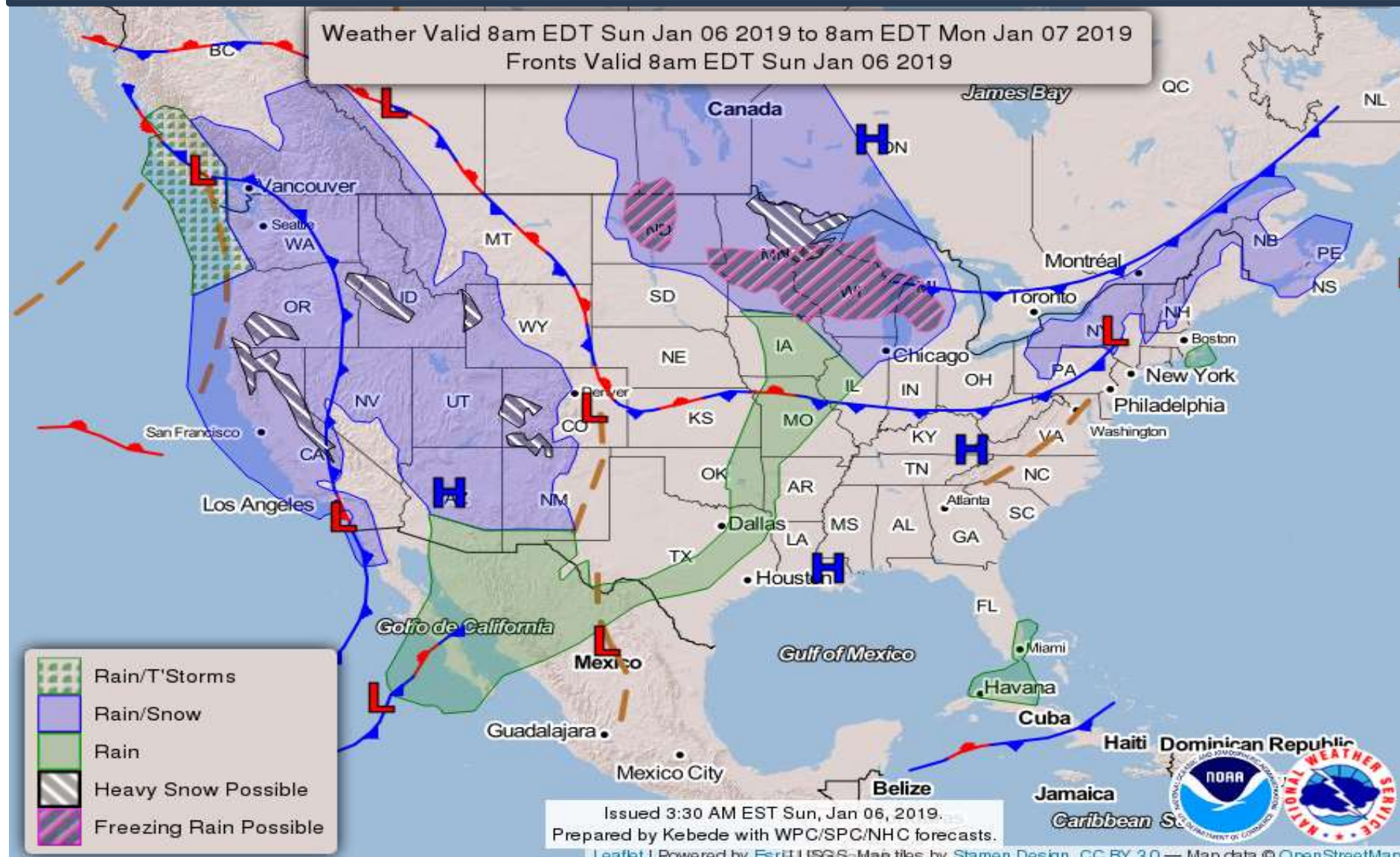
- The Trinity River at Liberty (SE TX) will remain in major flood stage this week. Homes in several subdivisions above Liberty may be impacted.
- The Neches River at Saltwater Barrier (SE TX) is forecast to rise to major flood stage by Tuesday. Several homes and camps may be flooded or threatened.
- The Lower Sabine River (SE TX/SW LA border) is at or near major flood stage. Some homes may flood from Bon Wier to Deweyville.
- The Calcasieu River near Oberlin and near Old Town Bay (SW LA) is forecast to be at or near major flood stage in the next few days. Homes, camps, and secondary roads near the river may be potentially affected.

Today's Weather



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Forecast Chart



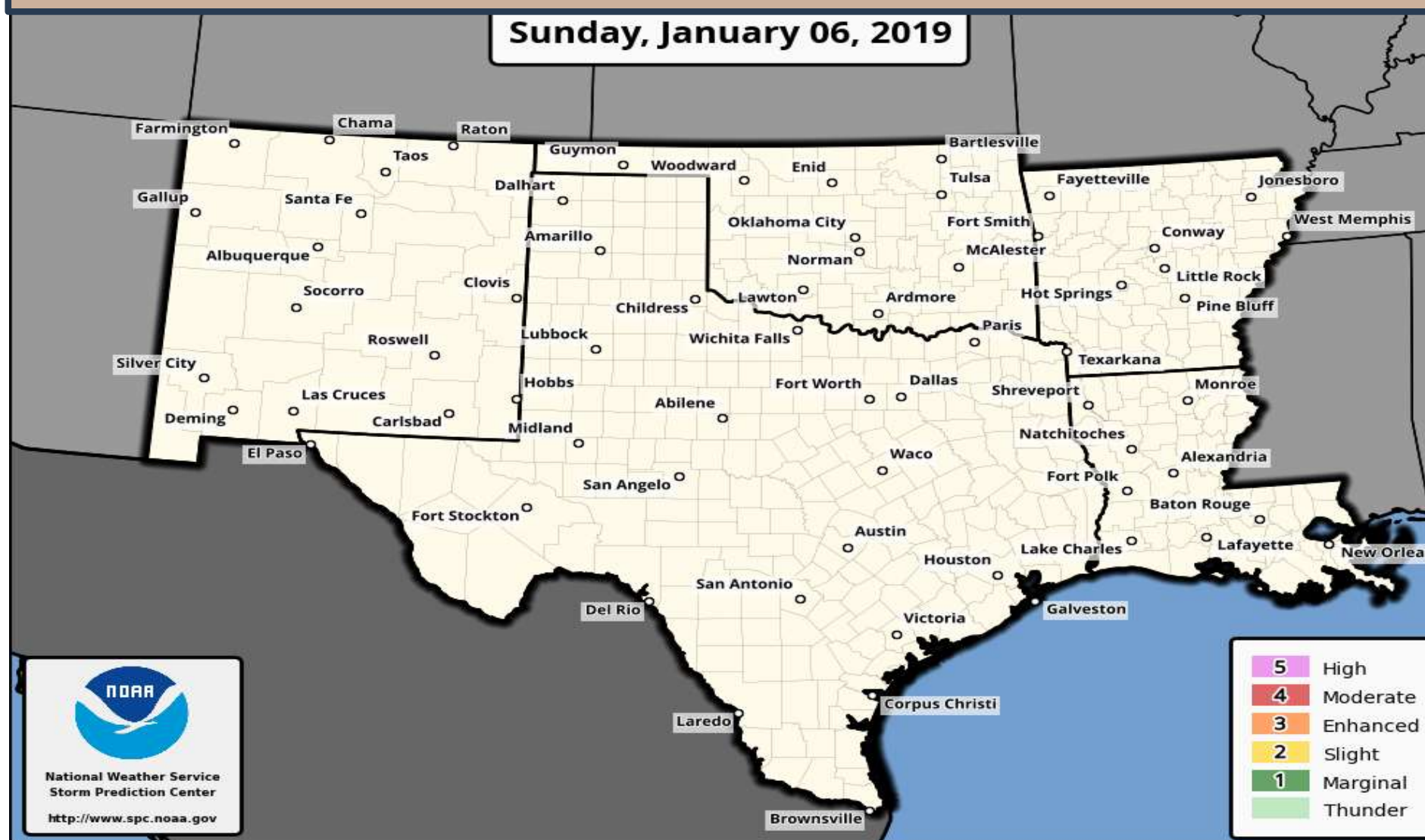
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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Fire Weather



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Severe Weather & Flooding



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**Winter Storm Warnings
and Winter Weather
Advisories in effect for
N & W NM through this
afternoon.**

**Flood watch in effect for
SW NM through this
evening due to moderate
to heavy rainfall combining
with melting snow.**

Strong & Gusty Winds



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Winter Weather



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Tomorrow's Weather

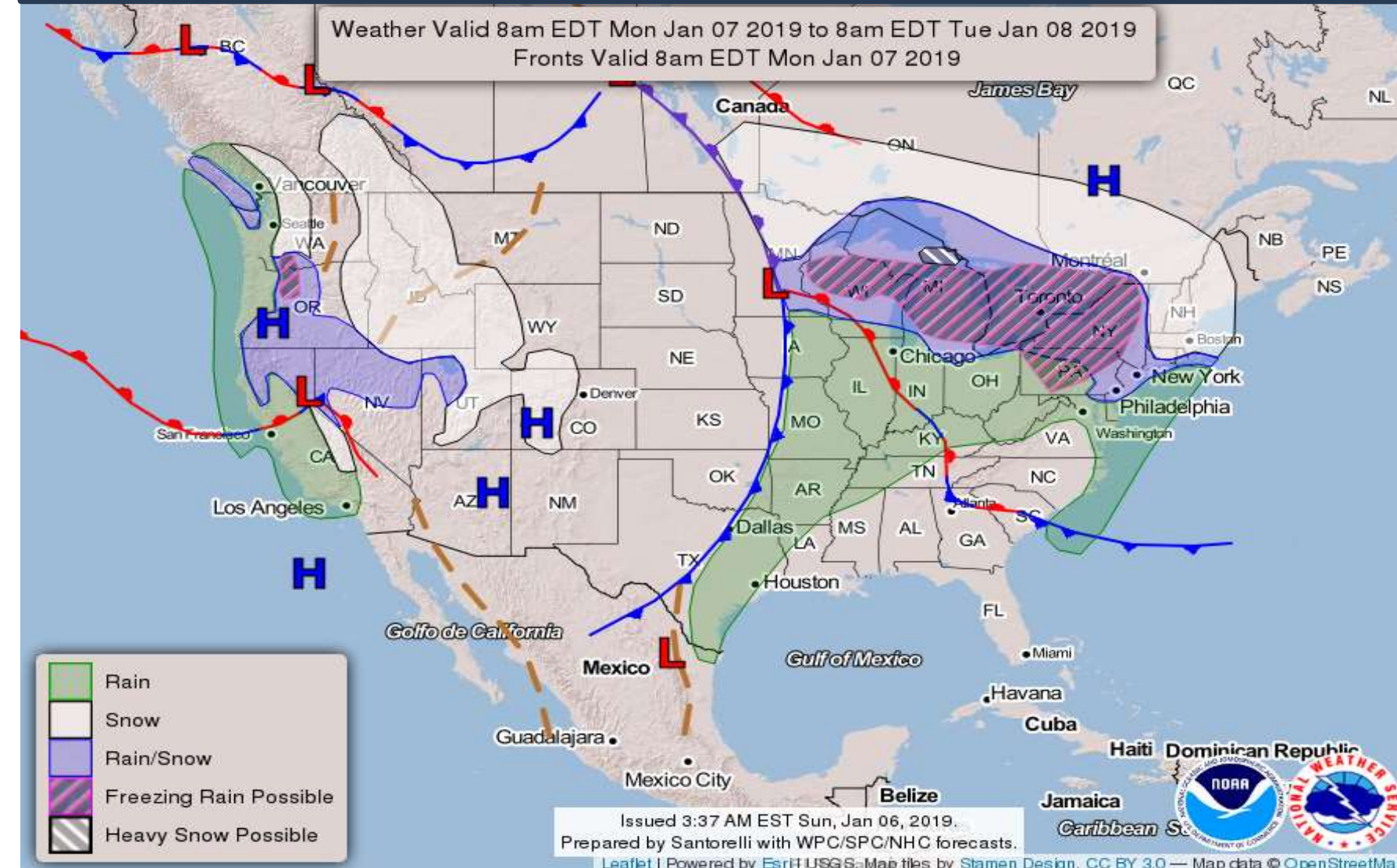


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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

No significant weather
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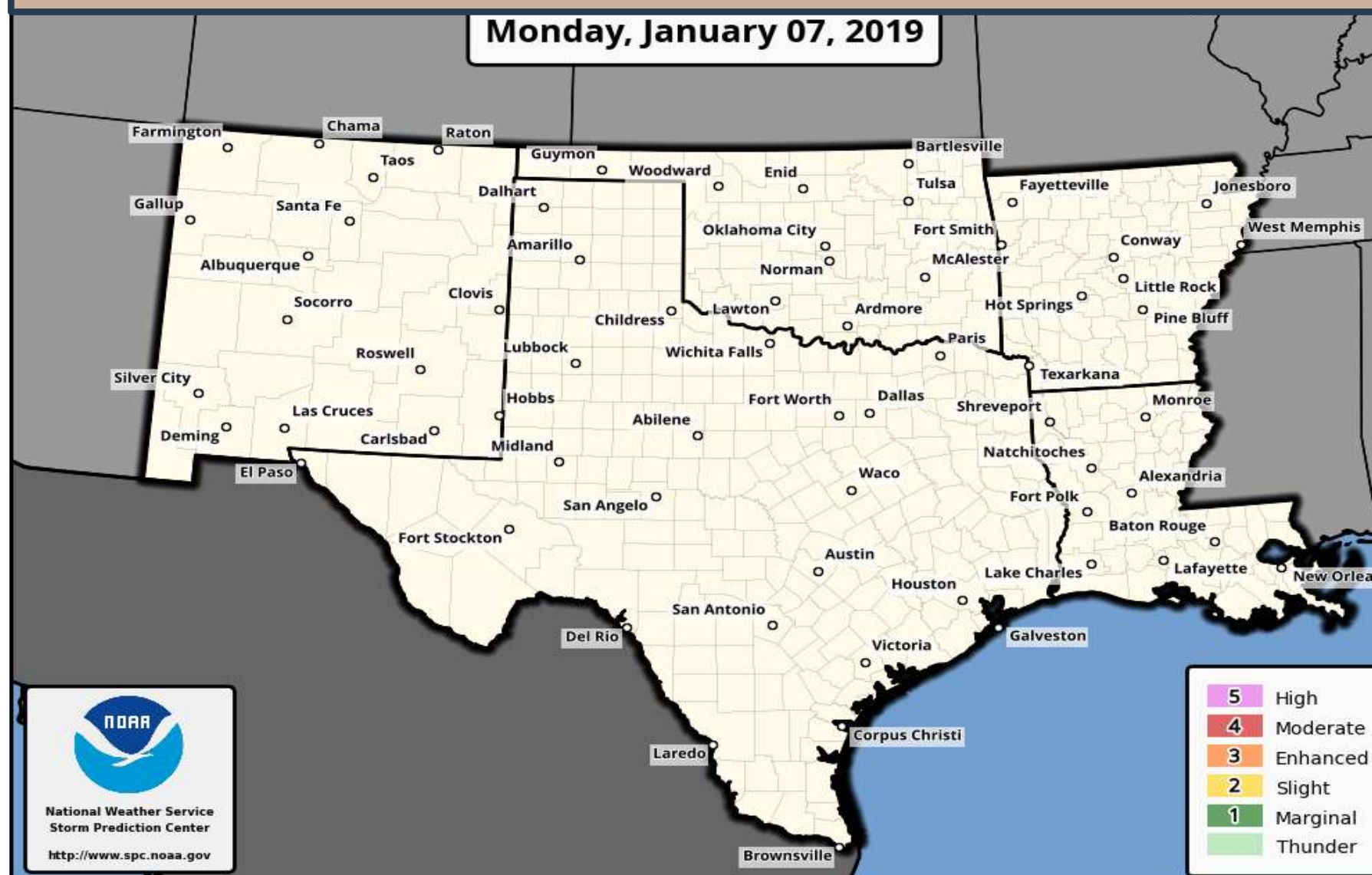


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Tuesday's Weather

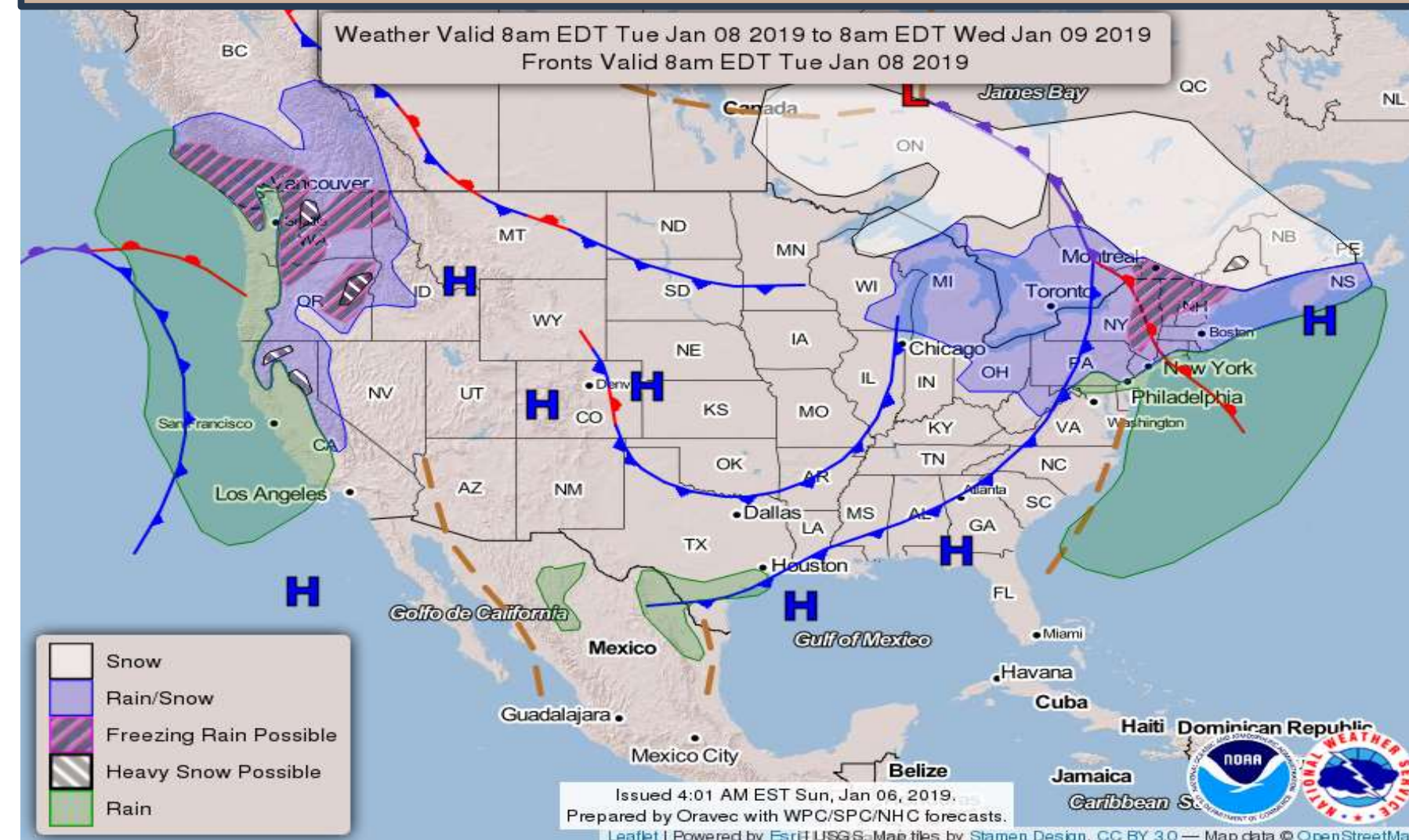


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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

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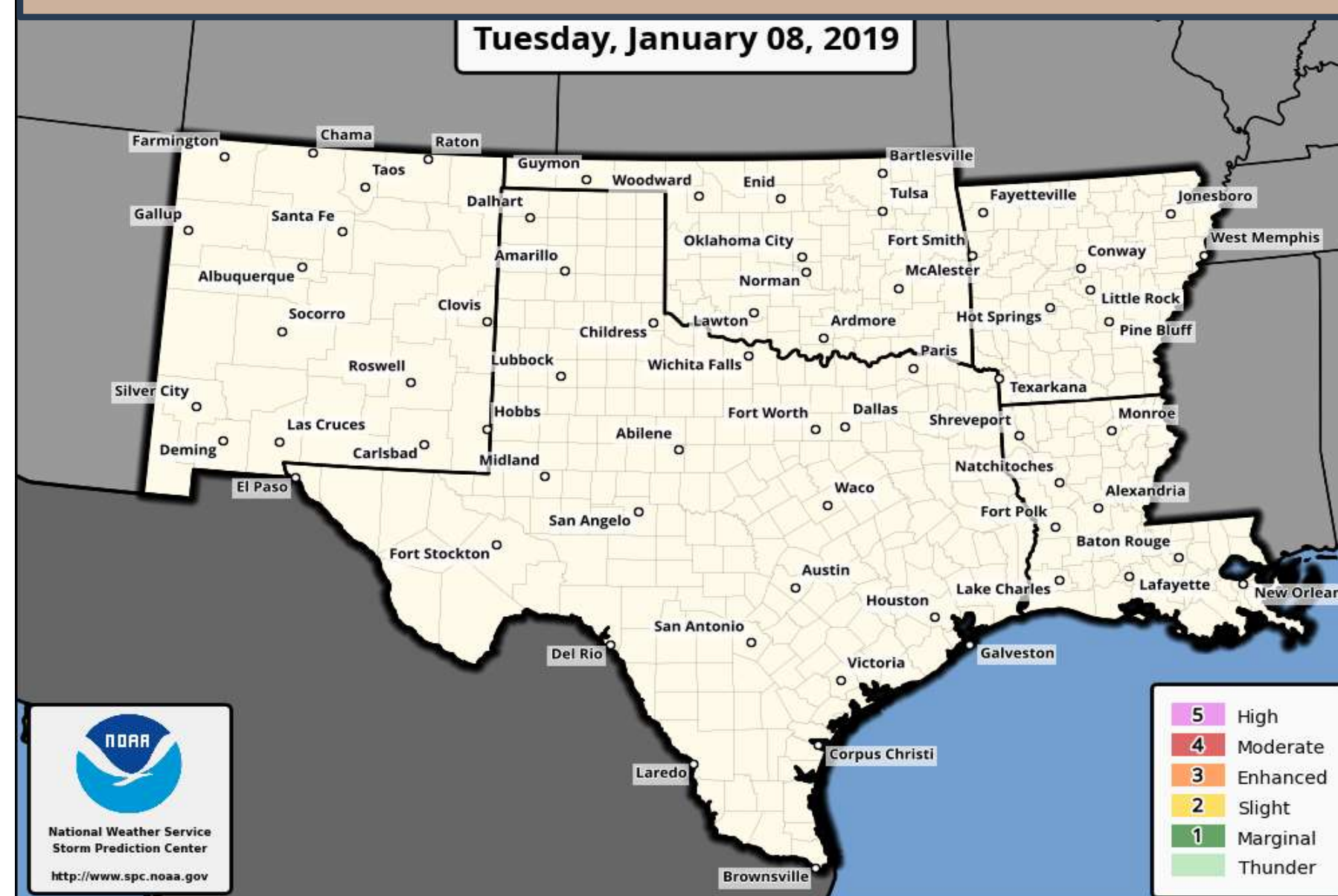


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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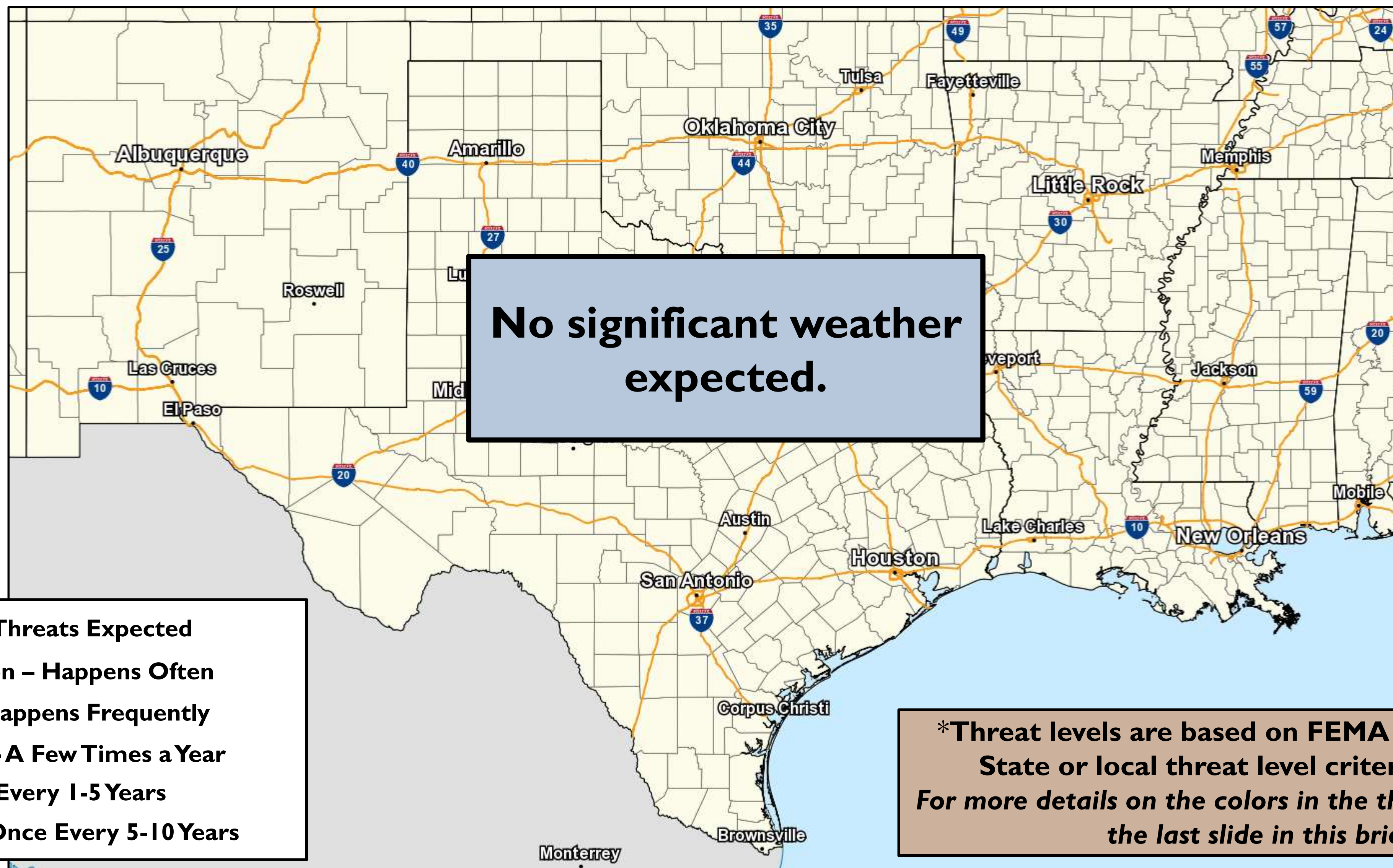


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Wednesday – Thursday



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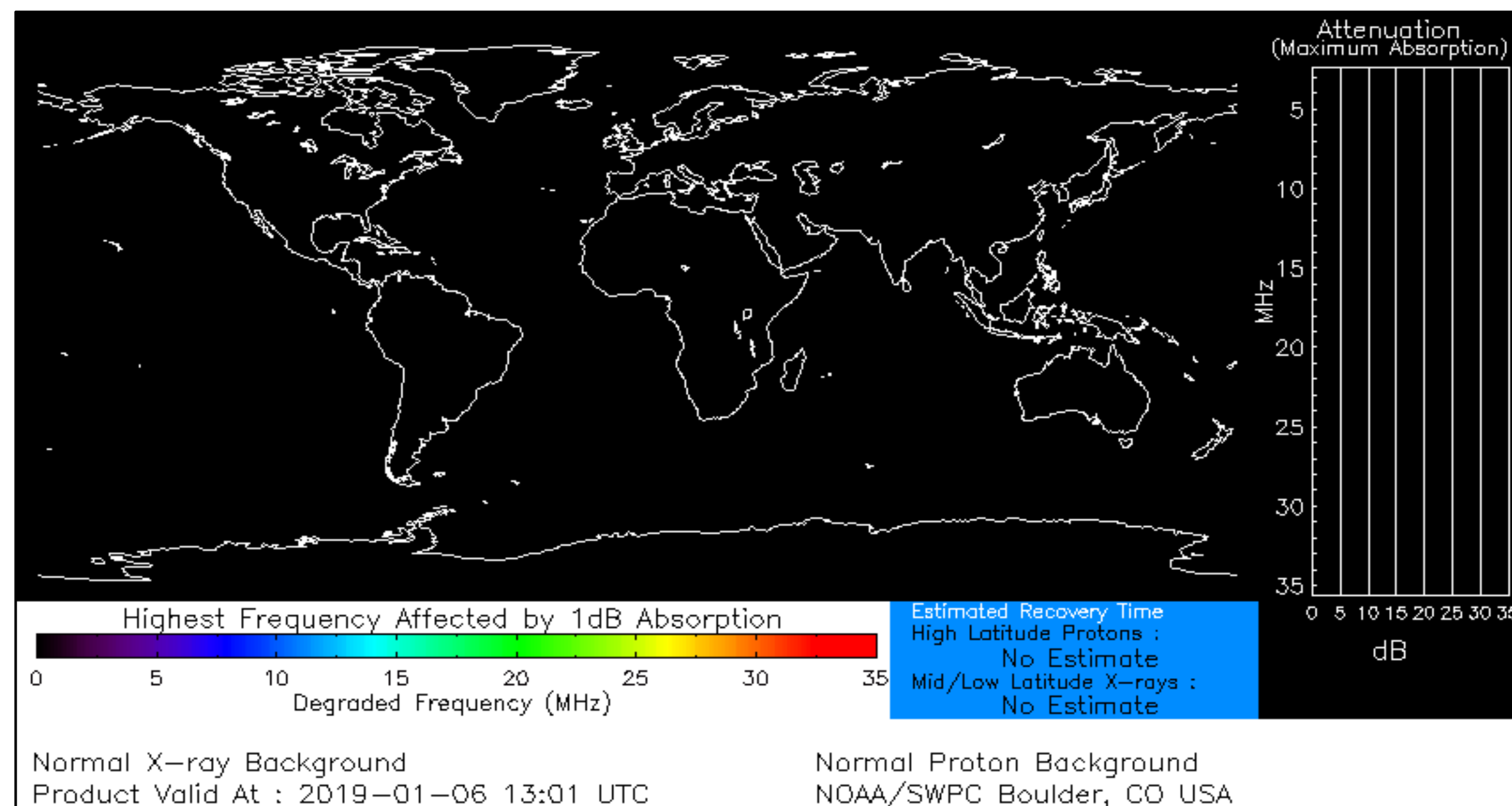


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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